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1. BELOW IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON WONGSE
POLNIKORN (BGN WONG PHONLANIKON), THE NEW THAI AMBASSADOR
TO THE LPDR.

2. BORN IN NONG KHAI ON MAY 1, 1919, AMBASSADOR WONG
RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION AT LOCAL SCHOOLS
AND LATER CAME TO BANGKOK TO STUDY AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY,
WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH A LAW DEGREE IN 1940
AND WITH AN MA IN ECONOMICS IN 1942. HE ENTERED THE
CIVIL SERVICE AS A THIRD GRADE OFFICIAL AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF COOPERATIVES, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AND WORKED
HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS. IN 1943 HE JOINED THE
FREE THAI MOVEMENT AND WAS STATIONED IN CEYLON.

3. IN 1947 HE TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AS THIRD SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS AFFAIRS AND BECAME CHIEF OF ITS
EASTERN SECTION IN 1950. HE HAD HIS FIRST OVERSEAS
POST IN 1952, WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED AS AN ATTACHE TO THE
THAI PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN
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NEW YORK. IN 1958 HE WAS APPOINTED FIRST SECRETARY

TO THE THAI EMBASSY IN RANGOON.

4. HE RETURNED TO BANGKOK IN 1961 TO TAKE UP THE POST OF CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION (PERSONNEL), OFFICE OF THE UNDER-SECRETARY. AFTER FOUR YEARS HE WAS PROMOTED TO COUNSELLOR, THEN DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY IN 1968. DURING THESE 8 YEARS WONG WAS ESSENTIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BANGKOK.

5. IN 1969 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BURMA. IN JANUARY 1973, HE WAS RECALLED TO BANGKOK AS A PROTEST AGAINST SHOOTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING THAI FISHING BOATS IN BURMESE TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE WAS THEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA IN FEBRUARY 1973.

6. WONG IS MARRIED TO PRANOM PHONLANIKON, AND M.D. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.
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